

**Steven Anthony Krien**  
June 25, 1951 - Jan. 22, 2010

Steven Anthony Krien, 58, of McAfee, N.J., formerly of Fort Morgan, Colo., died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, after a four-month battle with brain cancer.

He was born June 25, 1951, to Wilmer and Esther (Bartholoma) Krien in St. Francis, Kan. Steve grew up and attended schools in Brush and Fort Morgan.

Steve learned his life profession of masonry from his father and uncles. He worked for Wilmer Krien Masonry for 12 years in the surrounding area. He then traveled to Arizona and Kansas, building his skills. He had worked for his best friend Bruce Switzer, with Custom Masonry by Switzer in McAfee, N.J., for the last 22 years. Steve's mason artistry is spread throughout the country.

**Lydia Pauline Hilt**  
Aug. 15, 1917 - Feb. 9, 2010

Lydia Pauline Hilt was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Cassia County, Idaho. She was the fifth child of Gottlieb and Christina (Dockett) Lippert. She died on Feb. 9, 2010. Lydia was 92 1/2-years-old at the time of her death.

The Lippert family moved to Cheyenne County, Kan., in 1920. Lydia attended the Clough Valley Country School. She was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church by Pastor Otto Zeilinger.

She worked for numerous families in the tri-state area, cooking, cleaning, baking and caring for their children. She was well prepared to be a wife and mother.

Lydia was married to Henry "John" Hilt at Salem Lutheran Church on Oct. 24, 1943. Initially, they lived in rural Yuma County, Colo.,

In March 1946, they moved to a farm 25 miles southwest of St. Francis, where they resided until their move to 404 W. Webster, St. Francis, in September 1998.

To this marriage were born four children, Margaret, Helen, Harvey and Carol. The family spoke German in the home until Margaret entered first grade.

Lydia loved her family. She especially doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was understood that she would always have crescent rolls, long johns and cinnamon rolls ready when they arrived. Lydia was a wonderful homemaker and mother. She raised large gardens (canned and froze and shared the fruits of her labors). She was also an accomplished seamstress, making most of her children's clothes. Lydia loved her church and church family. She devoted many hours to teaching Bible School and Sunday School (both children and adult). As her children grew up she became very active in Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA).

She had a passion for caring for those less fortunate. Some of her caring included making soap, putting together layettes and making

Survivors include his daughter, Carrie Riggs and two grandchildren, Megan and April of Windsor; sister, Connie (Terry) Canfield and brothers, Terry, Wilmer Jr. and Stuart Krien, of Fort Morgan, brother, Toby Krien of Kansas City, Mo.; niece, Teresa Canfield Risser and great nieces, Paige and Brooke Risser of Greeley and his extended family Bruce and Jill Switzer, Gary and Kari Krol, Cassidy and Holden, all of McAfee; uncles include Bill (Leone) Krien, St. Francis, Oscar Krien, Loveland, Colo., and Paul Krien, St. Francis.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

There was a graveside memorial service at Memory Gardens Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 13.

quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Although she had lost her sight, she continued making quilts with the assistance of her many needle-threaders (anyone who came to the house when the thread had broken).

Lydia lived by the saying, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop." Thus she was never idle. Even after a long day of running the tractor, helping shingle or just the routine of taking care of her family, cooking, cleaning, sewing, milking and caring for the cows, chickens and geese; she always (until the loss of her eyesight) would embroider or crochet in the evenings.

Lydia was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents, brothers, Gottlieb, Jake and Rudy; sisters, Christina Schritter, Anna Lippert, Edna Walz and Martha Knodel; sons-in-law, Dean Weir and Bill Stenzel.

Survivors include: daughters, Margaret Weir of Monument, Colo., Helen (Lawrence) Musil of Goodland, and Carol Stenzel of Kansas City, Mo.; son, Harvey Hilt of Paola; sister, Ruth Knodel of Bethune, Colo.; 26 grandchildren and spouses, 21 great-grandchildren and spouses, along with a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 13, at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis, with Pastor Chris Farmer and Pastor Linda Walz, niece, officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters and in-laws: Sonia Chizzo, Linda Boone, Cindy Musil, Sara Townsend, Maryann Stenzel, Audra Cocherl, Camille Crest, Mary Prim, Jeannie Deveney, Christine Weir, Mamee' Weir, Tiffany Musil and Kellie Reifstenzel.

Casket bearers were grandson and in-laws: Brian Weir, Nathan Weir, Casey Musil, Jason Reifstenzel, Ryan Stenzel, Brian Deveney, Paul Chizzo, Dan Boone, Kent Lehman, Pat Townsend, Brian Crest, Mike Prim and Ryan Cocherl. Interment was in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural St. Francis. Memorials may go to the church.



Merklin Cooks Beikman Reed Bandel Grover

# Juniorhigh students do well at league music competition

Twenty-nine students represented St. Francis at the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Music Festival held in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"The students all performed well," said Debbie Fiala, band and vocal instructor. "Our five vocal soloists all earned I ratings, and that reflected the time and work they put into preparing for the festival."

The vocal soloists earning I ratings were Mariah Beikman, Brianna Cooks, Rande Grover,

Bailey Merklin and Dallas Reed. Kyla Bandel also earned an I rating on her piano solo.

Other soloists performing at the festival were Hannah Rider, clarinet; Mariah Beikman, saxophone, Brianna Cooks, trombone, Mariah Beikman, Jacob Butler, Ashlee Orth and Valerie Wurm, piano.

Other performances included five vocal ensembles, three percussion ensembles and a woodwind trio. Students involved in these ensembles were Tristan Archer, Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman,

Shakotah Blanka, Cade Braccelin, Jacob Butler, Brianna Cooks, Gaten Cooper, Nicky Easter, Aby Fernandez, Rande Grover, Jacy Hilt, Jon Hoard, Lane Hoffman, Echo Jones, Wyatt Landenberger, Tyler Lee, Bailey Merklin, Ashlee Orth, Derek Queen, Dallas Reed, Hannah Rider, Mason Schiltz, Sly Schlepp, Ian Schmid, McKayla Taylor, Justice Wiley, Valerie Wurm and Kyler Zweggardt.

All students were accompanied and directed by Mrs. Fiala.

# Group honors life's journey

Hospice Leaves a Legacy of Compassion

During the holidays, many of us gathered with family and friends. More often than not, these gatherings included the telling and retelling of family stories, observations about how a child's behavior or expressions mirrors that of other family members, the sharing of recipes and traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation. Remembrances of those who are no longer with us are also part of the gathering of family and friends.

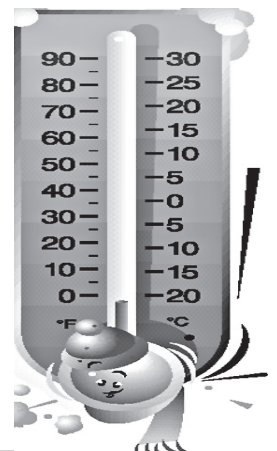
This emphasis on remembrance, while present during joyful times, also plays an important role in difficult times, especially at the end of life. Studies have shown that, when faced with a life-limiting illness, most people are more concerned about the impact it will have on their family, not themselves.

By focusing on the individual, not the illness, hospice and palliative care honor life's final journey. Hospice and palliative care brings comfort and peace to help people live every moment of life to the fullest, leaving loved ones with memories they can treasure.

Losing a loved one is always hard. However, having support and care especially tailored to the end of life can help bring out special moments that might not otherwise be possible.

Hospice and palliative care professionals and volunteers understand that every person they care for is a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences, relationships and gifts to share. Last year, more than 1.4 million people chose hospice care when facing the end of life. This choice ensured respect and dignity for the person who was dying, and ensured that family and loved ones were left with a legacy of compassion and caring.

For more information, contact Hospice Services at 800-315-5122 (in Phillipsburg 785-543-2900) or visit [www.hospicenwks.net](http://www.hospicenwks.net). For more information from the national level, you can contact the Caring Connections HelpLine at 800-658-8898 (the Multilingual Line at 877-658-8896) or visit [www.caringinfo.org](http://www.caringinfo.org).



## Club Clip

### Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Hospital Guild met at the senior citizens center on Feb. 1. There were 17 present. Eileen Nolan, president, conducted the meeting.

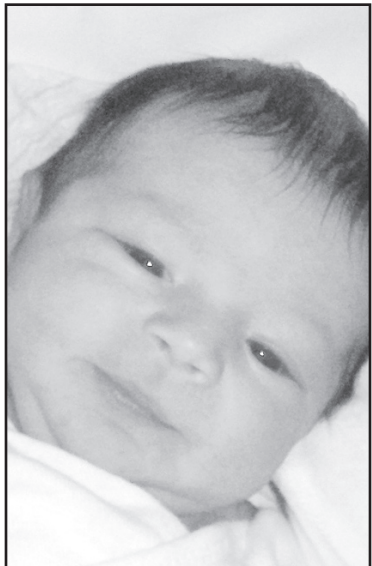
Tyler Raile, P.A. gave an informative and interesting talk on breaks caused by osteoporosis. He answered several questions and offered to come back.

Anita Miller announced the next meeting will be March 1 and will

be lunch at the hospital.

The business meeting consisted of the treasurer's report. Helen Burnham reported on cash register receipts and it was decided to donate \$25 for the use of the center.

Sonya Modrell, Lucille Price and Wilma Lampe served refreshments from a tea table decorated with a centerpiece of flowers and decorations in the Valentine motif.



Neale Robert Morrison

## Introducing

### Neale Robert Morrison

Collin and Angel Morrison of Aurora, Colo., announce the birth of their son, Neale Robert, born Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Nancy and Paul Morrison of Aurora, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. James Hernandez of Denver, Colo. Great-grandparents are Jean Miller of St. Francis and the late Neale Miller and Therese Morrison of Denver and the late Robert Morrison.

# Two accidents reported on Feb. 8

The Cheyenne County Sheriff, Craig Van Allen, reported two accidents, both happening on Monday, Feb. 8, and both were attributed to icy conditions.

The first happened in the morning on north K-27 south of Haigler. Mary Eyestone, 50, of Wray, was driving a Ford Ranger pickup when icy road conditions caused the vehicle to slide into the ditch and roll over. Ms. Eyestone was taken to the hos-

pital in Wray by Dundy County Ambulance.

At noon, Kayla Statley, 18, of Bird City, slid into a parked Dodge pickup belonging to Ryan Culwell, St. Francis. The accident happened near Bird Ave. and Bressler St. Miss Statley was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital by emergency medical technicians.

Neither driver was wearing seat belt.

# Weather related tips given

With the temperatures in Kansas dropping below freezing and wind chills at levels unseen in quite some time, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) takes this opportunity to provide tips to make sure people have a safe and healthy winter.

"We want everyone to be safe this season," Roderick Bremby, department secretary, said. "Remember to check on your family members or neighbors who may be at risk from the cold weather - especially those who are young children, older adults

and the chronically ill. And, if you are outside in these conditions, please take precautions to prevent yourself from frostbite or other injuries."

If you are working outdoors, traveling or enjoying winter sports, take the following precautions:

- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.
- Learn safety precautions to follow when outdoors.

- Be aware of the wind chill factor.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories.
- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.
- Carry a cell phone.

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